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AMEMBASSY NICOSIA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS EVACUEES IN BEIRUT

1. EVACUEES IN BEIRUT HAVE, NATURALLY ENOUGH, INNUMERABLE QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS THAT WE ATTEMPTING TO FIELD TO BEST OUR ABILITY. (SOME EVACUEES, UNDOUBTEDLY STILL UNDER SHOCK OF THEIR RECENT TRAUMA, UPSET AND ANGRY USG NOT PICKING UP WHOLE CHECK FOR THEIR LOSSES). ONE CATEGORY QUESTIONS INVOLVES CONDITIONS IN CYPRUS, TIMING OF RETURN, AND PROPERTY ABANDONED THERE. WE AWARE SITUATION UNDER WHICH AMEMBASSY NICOSIA NOW LABORING AND HESITATE TO ADD TO YOUR BURDEN. NEVERTHELESS, WE WISH AT LEAST POSE THE QUESTIONS AND HOPE FOR ANSWERS AS SOON YOU ABLE REPLY.

2. SOME EVACUEES STATE THEY LEFT VALUABLES WITH EMBASSY FOR SAFEKEEPING. OTHER EVACUEES HAVE VALUABLES, LUGGAGGE, MONEY, TRAVELERS CHECKS, ETC. LEFT WITH CYPRIOT FRIENDS FROM WHOM THEY CUT OFF AND UNABLE CONTACT PRIOR DEPARTURE FOR SBAS. THEY WISH REQUEST FRIENDS DEPOSIT ITEMS WITH AMEMBASSY NICOSIA FOR SAFEKEEPING. WE ASSUME YOU AUTHORIZED ACCEPT UNDER 7 FAM 437.1, BUT WISH YOUR CONCURRENCE BEFORE ADVISING EVACUEES. EVACUEES HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED FOND HOPE THAT EMBASSY NICOSIA SHIP SUCH ITEMS TO THEM AT UNCLE SUGAR'S EXPENSE. WE HAVE INFORMED THEM THIS NOT REPEAT NOT POSSIBLE, BUT THAT THEY SHOULD WRITE TO NICOSIA WHEN THEY HAVE NEW PERMANENT

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ADDRESS, REQUESTING INFORMATION RE SHIPPING AND COSTS.

DOES THIS LINE OF ADVICE PROVIDE NICOSIA OR DEPARTMENT
WITH PROBLEMS.

3. SOME EVACUEES ABANDONED PERSONALLY OWNED VEHICLES
AT SBAS. WHAT ADVICE CAN WE GIVE RE EVENTUAL DISPOSITION
SUCH VEHICLES?

4. SEVERAL EVACUEES ARE LONG TERM RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS
WHO OBVIOUSLY WISH RETURN THERE SOONEST. AFTER RETIREMENT
LIVING IN CYPRUS, COST OF BEIRUT HOTEL LIVING COMES
AS RUDE SHOCK. THEY CAN NOT LIVE HERE LONG, BUT
HESITATE APPLY REPATRIATION LOAN WHICH THEY MAY
NEVER BE ABLE REPAY. AS SOON AS SITUATION STABLIZES
ENOUGH TO PERMIT PROGNOSIS, CAN NICOSIA AND/OR STATE
GIVE ANY ESTIMATE WHEN RETURN MIGHT BE POSSIBLE?
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